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## ATC Associates announces headquarters opening in Lafayette

Lafayette, LA— Officials from ATC Associates, an environmental consulting firm, have announced the opening of their corporate headquarters in Lafayette, LA. ATC Associates has 65 branches in 36 states, including an existing branch office in Lafayette.

"ATC is excited about our expansion and the ability to attract top talent for our corporate operations here in Lafayette," says Bobby Toups, ATC Associates CEO. "We are grateful for the support and assistance we received from LEDA and Lafayette Consolidated Government."

ATC Associates provides services in environmental consulting, industrial hygiene, geotechnical engineering, and construction materials testing and inspection throughout the United States. The company serves clientele in both public and private sectors including petroleum, real estate, retail, financial, insurance, construction, education, healthcare, hospitality, government, telecommunications and manufacturing.

Earlier this year, LEDA along with city officials provided information to ATC supporting an internal proposal to expand the headquarters in Lafayette. LEDA's Business and Workforce Development departments presented a package of local, state and federal incentives and workforce training opportunities that made the case for this move. ATC anticipates producing over \$1,000,000 annually in new payroll dollars as a result of this expansion.

"We appreciate the confidence that ATC Associates has exhibited by locating their corporate headquarters in our community," said Lafayette City-Parish President Joey Durel. "We believe Lafayette is the perfect location for them, and we are thrilled with the new jobs that will be available for our citizens to complement the jobs that already exist in their branch office."

The company's workforce includes environmental engineers, geologists, hydrologists, ecologists, LEED® accredited professionals, project designers, safety professionals, hazardous management planners and trainers. In addition to their workforce in the field, ATC Associates plans to create several professional jobs in Lafayette Parish over the next few years as a result of this move. The company has 1,500 employees across the country, which makes ATC Associates one of the largest headquarter offices in Lafayette Parish.

"One of LEDA's main objectives is to facilitate the creation of quality jobs through our business retention and attraction programs. The new positions that will be created by ATC Associates are a prime example of these quality jobs," says Gregg Gothreaux, President and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. "The quality of Lafayette's workforce and our high proportion of professional jobs often plays a significant role in a business's decision to expand in the region; and that holds true in Mr. Toups' decision to set-up corporate headquarters here. We are happy to see ATC Associates grow in Lafayette Parish."

Currently, the company is accepting resumes for top management positions including finance, marketing, technology, safety, and human resources. Information about the positions can be found on the LEDA Virtual Job Fair, <a href="www.alfayette.org/jobs">www.alfayette.org/jobs</a>. Additional information about ATC Associates and their services can be found at <a href="www.atcassociates.com">www.atcassociates.com</a>.

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